National Sample Survey Organisation during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, it is estimated that the average annual rate of growth of employment was of the order of 0.98 per cent and the average annual labour force growth was about 1.03 percent as per Usual Prinicipal and Subsidiary Status Approach. The unemployment rate was of the order of 1.90 per cent during 1993-94 and about 2.23 per cent during 1999-2000.

Setting up of MEPs and IOWF for Indian workers abroad

566. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council (MEPC) and an Indian Overseas Workers fund for watching the Well being of Indian workers abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The proposal to set up a Central manpower Export Promotion council and Indian Overseas Workers Welfare Fund is under consideration of the Government.

Employment to unorganised labours

†567. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas identified to provide employment to unorganized labours and the percentage of these labours out of the total task force;

(b) the details of the latest position of labour employed in the infrastructural facility sector alongwith the measures being taken by Government for their welfare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a)Around 92 per cent of the total work force is in the unorganized sector. Agriculture and allied activities, food processing, small scale industries, service sector, travel and tourism, information technology, housing and real

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.